



Leonard "Gus" Joseph Fenske

August 2, 1934 - May 28, 2025

Leonard "Gus" Joseph Fenske, age 90, of Pierce City, MO passed away on Wednesday, May 28, 2025, at Cox Medical Center South in Springfield, MO. He was born in Wentworth, MO on Thursday, August 2, 1934; son of August and Mary Radke Fenske. He graduated from Pierce City High School and served his country in the Army. Gus married Lucy "Naomi" Montgomery on Saturday, April 25, 1964, at St. Cecelia Catholic Church in Kennett, MO. Gus was a lifetime Pierce City Eagle and faithful parishioner of St. Mary's Catholic Church. He had many roles serving his community including time at the Sarajo Garment Factory in PC, traveling fruit inspector, ornamental iron business owner and operator, caretaker of St. Mary's Church and School as well as caring for the Pierce City Senior Citizens Center. He drove R-6 #2 school bus "The Gus Bus" around Pulaskifield. He had a green thumb and took up beekeeping; harvesting his famous "Gusto Honey". He excelled in shooting pool, bowling, and enjoyed traveling with his wife and friends. Gus was most at home cruising the streets of Pierce City. He will be missed by many.

Surviving are the following: one stepson, Douglas Michael Stoker of Monett, MO; two grandchildren, Machel "Shelly" (Christian) Leigh Stoker Derby of Naples, FL and Kristopher (Sabrina) Michael Stoker of Westport, CT; four great-grandchildren, Julianna Grace Derby Fayzulloev, Suzanna Faith Derby, Lilly Faye Stoker, and Benjamin Prometheus Stoker; one great-great-

grandchild, Truman Joseph Fayzulloev; one sister, Mary Ann Osterloh; two nephews, Michael (Mary) Anthony Fenske of Purdy, MO and Chris Osterloh; and many cousins, friends and neighbors.

Gus was preceded in death by his parents, August and Mary Fenske; his wife, Naomi Fenske; a stepson, Jimmie Glenn Stoker; and two brothers, Bill Fenske and Wilbert Fenske.

The family will receive friends at Lakin Funeral Home in Pierce City, MO on Saturday, May 31, 2025, from 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM. A Rosary will follow at 7:00 PM with Linda Fenske.

Funeral Mass will be at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Pierce City, MO on Monday, June 2, 2025, beginning at 10:00 AM with Father Matt Rehrauer officiating. Burial, with full Military Honors, will follow at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Pierce City, MO. Then, all are invited to the luncheon at St. Mary's.

Memorials may be made, in memory of Gus, to Pierce City Senior Citizens Center or Lawrence County Center for Aging in care of the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery

Pierce City, MO 65723

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 31. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Lakin Funeral Home
501 N Elm St.
Pierce City, MO 65723
(417) 476-2626
lakinfuneral@suddenlink.net

Rosary Service

MAY 31. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

JUN 2. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
200 Front Street
Pierce City, MO 65723
(417) 476-2827

Tribute Wall

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“ We all thank God for the life that Gus lives here at Saint Mary’s church and in our city. Not being from this area, I would say that Gus always spoke, always ask how I was doing and was interested in my work as a chaplain. I hear his other relatives make the same comment that Gus enjoyed a warmth that made everyone around him fill at ease and appreciated. Please know I was really sorry. I did not get to come back to the funeral on Monday morning as it would’ve been a priority on my list. Unfortunately, I was on duty as a chaplain and I know he would’ve wanted me to have been doing my job well. May the Lord bless you and keep you may he shine his light on you... and give you eternal rest.

chaplain Cathy - June 02, 2025 at 07:34 PM

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“ chaplain Cathy lit a candle in memory of Leonard "Gus" Fenske



chaplain Cathy - June 02, 2025 at 07:31 PM

DB

“ Leonard and Naomi were a very special couple. I enjoyed bowling with them and later became their banker. Such an outstanding couple that added so much to our community. May it be of some comfort to know we are praying for the family. Dave and Donna Beckett



Donna Beckett - June 01, 2025 at 10:22 PM

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“ *Enjoyed hearing Gus tell of his days playing ball with the Boyer brothers in Alba. He always had a smile and story to tell. Kathy E.*

Kathy Eck - May 30, 2025 at 04:31 PM